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My country! 't is of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

HOUSE IN ANDOVER, MASS., WHERE "AMERICA" WAS WRITTEN BY DR. SAMUEL F. SMITH WHILE A STUDENT IN ANDOVER IN 1832

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Andover's Christmas Greeting

"Andover everywhere and always, first, last — the manly, straightforward, sober, patriotic, New England town."

IN this spirit Andover sends this Christmas greeting to her men in service the world over. To this standard, maintained for nearly three centuries and ennobled by each new call to duty, she has once again pledged her sons and daughters and enlisted all her energies.

The deeds of more than half a thousand men enrich the past year's record on the world field of war. Ten men have paid the supreme sacrifice. Old and young at home have kept the hearthstones bright in memory of those away, and in readiness for the welcome home. Let us all rejoice that in every field of service, in every part played, the Andover standard has been upheld.

Today the dawn of world peace is brighter because the Andover spirit has blended with a world purpose to secure the full meaning of the message of "good will toward all men".

Andover citizens at home greet Andover citizens afar. May Christmas recall the old familiar scenes of the home town. May those away feel the heart-beat of those at home, made quicker through the stirring impulses aroused during the past year by the stories of courage shown, of character developed, of loyalty aroused.

ANDOVER PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

JOHN N. COLE, Chairman

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HARRY M. EAMES — GEORGE F. SMITH
BURTON S. FLAGG — ALFRED E. STEARNS

Massachusetts

From the Board of Selectmen

Boys of Andover:—

As Thanksgiving and Christmas draw near, we think of the events of the past year. The foremost thought, the one that overshadows all others, is that the same spirit, the same loyalty, love of country, willingness to sacrifice all, even life if need be, to defend their country or the principles on which our government is founded, have again proved to the world that the sons of Andover are "first among their equals and second to none".

When the glorious news of the morning of November 11th came to our ears, the whole atmosphere even was so fully charged that it seemed that you across the water must have felt our joy.

Boys of Andover, you have made a glorious record in a glorious cause, and have added new lustre to the ever proud record of your town, and as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I know I but utter the sentiment of every citizen when I say God bless you! We are proud of you, we wish you every joy and comfort, and a safe return to the old town that loves you.

ANDOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HARRY M. EAMES, *Chairman*

From the Red Cross

To all the Andover boys in their country's service the Red Cross sends its best wishes for a Happy New Year.

We are proud of you and of your part in the Great War. "We" means especially the hundreds of women—wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts, who have labored industriously and devotedly to supply what their boys or other boys might need.

The United States was late in entering the war, but since April, 1917, it has given itself wholeheartedly to the cause and may share the credit of having brought the war to a close. In the glory which belongs to so great and wonderful a victory you too are sharers and with right. We shall welcome you home with joy, not merely for what you have done, but in the belief that you will be better citizens when you return. You have learned as never before the value of discipline, of strenuous work, of courage and high purpose. We hope and believe that you will bring these back with you to your every-day life and that Andover, like the rest of the world, will become a better place for us all to live in.

ALFRED L. RIPLEY, *Chairman*

In justice to the Red Cross workers at home, both those who give money and those who give time, thought and labor, I wish to add a few figures by way of postscript, showing what Andover men, women and children have done in gifts and work since you began to leave us:

Donations to local Red Cross	$11,568
From membership drive, 1917 (40% of total amount collected, $3200)	1,280
From War Fund Campaign (25% of total collected, $25,560)	6,390
	$19,238

So you will see that counting in what Andover has contributed to the National Red Cross, we have raised over $40,000 in the town for this cause.

Since April, 1917, the Andover Red Cross has sent out the following articles:

2474 pairs of socks
1323 sweaters
1786 mufflers, wristers and helmets
2890 garments
2000 handkerchiefs
58500 surgical dressings
1000 bedside bags, comfort bags, etc.
204 comfort kits
1000 red label packets
600 blue label packets

Besides paying for these materials, the Red Cross has already expended through the Home Service Department over $1300 for the aid and relief of those whose men were fighting abroad.

A. L. R.

Comfort Committee Greetings

We greet you, boys, with best wishes for a safe and speedy return. You left us to do your part in the great struggle. You have done it nobly and we are proud of you, and will extend to you upon your return such a welcome as has never been given before.

We have heard of your noble work and good conduct throughout your camp life and on the field of battle. May you maintain that same good conduct until you return, which will bring the greatest honor to yourselves and to the town of Andover.

FRED L. COLLINS
ERNEST KING
GEORGE DICK
Committee

Greetings from the Churches

The South Church

A Merry Christmas to all our Andover boys overseas.

After four years of war the world can commence to be merry once more and we shall not forget that your valiant work has helped to put the "merry" into this "Merry Christmas".

Your stars all shine in the flag at the town hall, in the churches and the clubs and other places in groups; but best of all, they shine from the windows of your own homes with a love that cannot fail, however far you wander, a love that yearns to bring you home again.

We feel most fortunate that the frightful losses of the war have fallen so little upon our Andover boys; while some of you have been in the thickest of the fight winning a victory never to be forgotten.

You have done honor to our whole town and we are proud of you. We realize that some of you have passed through experiences that have wrought deep changes in you; but we trust that your affection for our little town still abides, however large the world you have known.

When you come back enriched in character by your great crusade for liberty, we hope to show you that we have kept the home-fires burning and have done our part to be worthy of you.

The mill bells, the church bells, the school bells and the fire bells summon us to our daily tasks and we look forward to the time when you can join us again in these common toils for our common welfare.

The highest joy of this Christmastide be with you, and may you all realize a heavenly reward for your effective part in securing to mankind the blessings entailed by the gift of God's Son to this warring world.

Cordially yours,

E. VICTOR BIGELOW

Minister of the South Church

November 24, 1918

The West Church

To Andover Men in Military Service:

Our thoughts are upon you as we approach the Christmas season in an even fonder way than ever, and that is saying a good deal.

We congratulate you upon having had part in this mighty struggle for the liberation of millions of men. Wordsworth's lines are appropriate to our times:

Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive,
But to be young was very heaven!

Some of you have witnessed tragic scenes. You have looked upon the mangled bodies of comrades. It is for us all to see that they have not suffered and died in vain.

Most happy are we that you are no longer in peril of life and limb, and a right happy day it will be when you get back home again. May home and church, town and country be all the dearer to you for your unlooked-for and perilous experiences!

NEWMAN MATTHEWS
West Parish Church

St. Augustine's Church

Boys, we greet you in the words of the inspired word, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants," thou good and faithful soldiers, for you have been instruments in the hands of God to bring peace into the world and joy to mothers' hearts this Christmas Day. Christ the God Man came into the world to bring peace to it, for He saith, "He who liveth by the sword, perish by it." Might is not always right, but right is might; you have been on the side of righteousness and proved to the world that it is might. The Kaiser who lived by the sword most ignominiously perished by it, at least, fell from his lofty throne. The Christ Man at Christmas speaks to each and everyone of us; He is God the Almighty, God of Heaven and Earth, the King of Kings; and His message is ours.

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's", meaning that you love God and country. Faithful to the two standards, the Cross, the emblem of salvation, and your flag, the Stars and Stripes; that you have been true, faithful, and loyal to both, results best testify.

Most cordially and sincerely yours,

JOHN A. NUGENT, O.S.A.
WILLIAM McCORMICK, O.S.A.
EDWARD SHEA, O.S.A.

St. Augustine's Rectory
November 22, 1918

Christ Church

To the Andover Honor Roll:—

Two men were rejoicing, as they stood on the deck of a homeward-bound ship, so the story runs. They had been among the submarine hunters in the Mediterranean, with the golden background of Spain to the north, and the hot breath of Africa upon them from the south. Now they were to take up work again in the United States—"God's Country", they termed it,—and they were happy at the prospect of freedom from the little rolling vessel which had been their home in war. But a third man interrupted them saying, "Some time, as you talk together in later years, you will speak of the hours you now are glad to leave, and say 'Those were the good old days'."

I know you will be glad to get home and we shall certainly be glad to see you. But in the future you too will sometimes speak, with sentimental recollection, of the Great War as the "good old days", forgetting their misery and remembering their glory. For they have surely been wondrous days in which to be young and live, while even death has come to make things "shine with far more radiant gleam".

Speaking in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York, to a great congregation, Elihu Root said lately, "A wider freedom and nobler living await those who take to heart the lessons of the war and who believe in God."

May you come home strengthened for that kind of life, and may we be strong to welcome you with wisdom and with a wakened conscience, while the flags fly and the bells ring out.

We send you, defenders of our liberty, cheery greetings for the glad, peaceful Christmas time.

Sincerely your friend,

CHARLES W. HENRY
Rector of Christ Church

Free Church

Dear Andover Boys and Nurses in War Service:—

All Andoverians have a "Merry Christmas" in their hearts for you, wherever you may be. We have a warm interest in each and all of you, and honor you for your self-sacrificing spirit in the great struggle for humanity's rights.

Nearly one hundred of you have gone from the Free Church, where every Sunday morning a special prayer is offered for your safety and welfare.

Often, too, we sing (to the tune of "America")

God bless our men who go
The wrong to overthrow
And right to win.
Make them victorious,
Bring them safe home to us,
Loyal and glorious,
God save our men.

Here is an added stanza for ourselves which I am sure you can sing in your hearts for us:—

God bless the friends who stay
At home to work and pray
At Duty's call.
Help each to do his part
With brave and cheerful heart,
Till the war clouds depart,—
God bless us all.

We are rejoicing in the good news of the signing of the armistice. It gives us hope that before many weeks we can welcome you back in Old Andover to help us in the fight for right thinking and right living in time of peace.

Heartily yours,

FREDERICK A. WILSON
Pastor of the Free Church

The Baptist Church

To our men and women in service, the Baptist Church sends greetings of fealty and fellowship:

This is the great day of great things, and by the heroic response to the call to the Colors, great things by you have been accomplished. In this season, when heart and voice are lifted in thanksgiving for the glorious triumph which is God's, the Church at home sends its hearty congratulations to the men and women who have so nobly and sacrificingly helped to make this season possible.

It is one of the glories of any age to link up the finest of the manhood and womanhood to any cause that has the approval of Heaven and the welfare and betterment of mankind. And this is assuredly the record of these days. Because of it we may well be thrilled with a justifiable pride for to-day, and a sturdy hope for the morrow.

The Church, with the warm affection of a mother spirit, bestowed its blessing and benediction upon you as you went forth; it has maintained you on its Honor Roll while absent, well knowing that you would "play the man"; it will cherish in honored and tender memory those who make the "great sacrifice"; it will welcome with open heart each one "when the boys come home".

Yours very truly, in behalf of the Church,

REV. E. H. PRESCOTT

ANDOVER SQUARE — LOOKING SOUTH

The Past Year in Andover

NOVEMBER 1917

Free Church raised service flag with 50 stars. (Number recorded November 20, 1918, 90.)

Thanksgiving Union Service at South Church.

Severe cold weather and great shortage of coal for house-heating.

DECEMBER 1917

Thrift Stamp Campaign opened with heavy sales by postal employees and many others.

Disaster at Halifax of serious concern to many Andover people. Fund of $1400.00 raised in Andover for relief.

Rev. E. H. Prescott welcomed to Baptist Church as new pastor.

Red Cross Mass Meeting aroused to high enthusiasm for war campaign. Judge Michael J. Murray of Boston, principal speaker.

J. Duke Smith, C. J. Stone, and Joseph L. Burns, attorneys appointed advisory board to assist men in filling out questionnaires.

Rev. D. Brewer Eddy tells of war conditions to a union of Men's Clubs.

Public Safety Committee reports upon its year's activities. Fund of $4281 was raised. Twelve important committees cared for different branches of work.

JANUARY 1918

St. Augustine's Church raised service flag with 92 stars. (Number recorded November 20, 1918, 178.)

ANDOVER SQUARE — LOOKING NORTH

Christ Church raised service flag with 35 stars. (Number recorded November 20, 1918, 80.)

Colonial Theatre enlarged and refitted.

Fuel restrictions caused stores to open shorter hours, fewer lights, and a general movement in all ways to save coal.

Fire destroyed the larger part of the old factory building long used by Hardy & Cole as a woodworking shop.

FEBRUARY 1918

Many public meetings brought the public together to hear of the boys in France and the campaigns in which all the Allies were engaged.

Civic League held big temperance meeting in the Baptist Church.

Coal sold at $10.85 to $12 per ton and almost none to be had.

February quota of drafted men — 6.

MARCH 1918

Town election resulted in choice of nearly all old town officials, the only new persons elected being Philip L. Hardy as a member of the Board of Public Works; Mrs. E. V. French, David R. Lawson and Everett C. Hilton, members of the School Committee. Annual appropriations amounted to $221,150, the highest in the history of the town. New building laws were adopted.

Garfield Lodge, K. of P., held a largely attended roll call.

Farm and Garden Conferences held to make plans for bigger farm production the coming season.

March quota of drafted men — 10.

THE FIRST ANDOVER BOYS TO "GO OVER"

APRIL 1918

Andover Comfort Committee gave a rousing minstrel show for benefit of boys "over there".

All churches had Easter services, with special thought for soldiers and sailors in the service.

Congressman Rogers addressed citizens at the Andover Club, telling of things he saw in his trip to France and the battle front.

Service flag for town unfurled, with 540 stars. Address by Hon. John N. Cole.

South Church raised a service flag with 48 stars. (Number recorded November 20, 1918, 70.)

Barnstormers and Democracy Dramatic Club gave enjoyable plays.

Essex County Y.P.S.C.E. held convention in Andover on Patriots' Day, with nearly one thousand delegates attending.

Clan Johnston held tenth anniversary celebration.

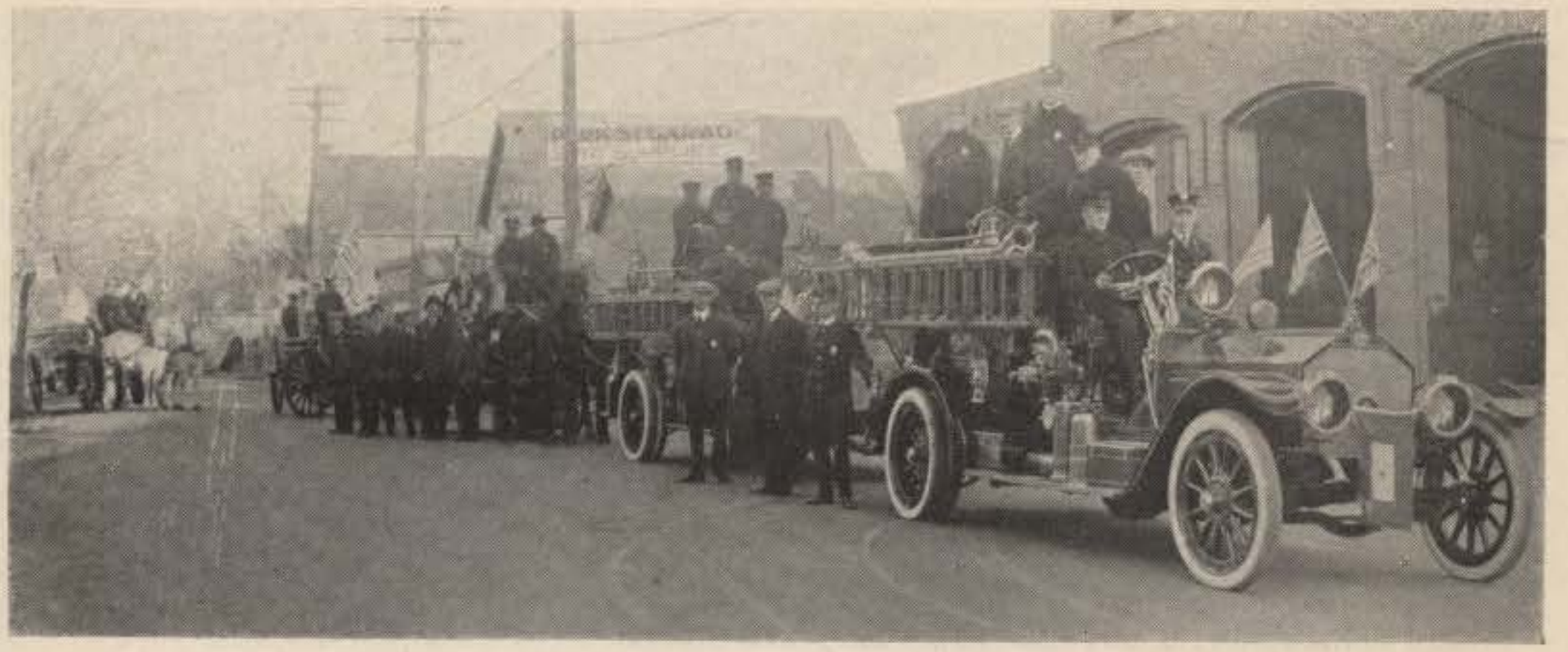
West Church raised service flag with nine stars. (Number recorded November 20, 1918, 20.)

Chief Charles S. Buchan of the Fire Department resigned after many years in the department, and was succeeded by Walter I. Morse.

April quota of drafted men — 23.

MAY 1918

Andover's biggest parade, up to date, was organized in the interest of the Red Cross, ending in a mass meeting on the Phillips campus;— all in aid of the Red Cross Drive.



ANDOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT — READY FOR PARADE

A second mass meeting for the Red Cross Drive was held at the town hall, with the principal address by Sergeant Creed.

Judge White of Salem gave the Memorial address at the Town Hall exercises.

Andover was defeated by Exeter in the annual track meet by the score of 72 to 23.

May quota of drafted men — 25.

JUNE 1918

Commencement at Abbot Academy closed that institution, June 11th.

Phillips Academy closed June 14th, with Colonel Marlborough Churchill as the principal speaker at the Alumni Dinner.

I.O.O.F. held memorial service at the Baptist Church.

Woman's Relief Corps celebrated Flag Day with mass meeting in the Town Hall.

"War Savings" called a Sunday mass meeting at which a full house heard "Shell-Proof" Mack.

Rev. Fr. Riordan and his assistant, Father Donovan, left St. Augustine's Church. Rev. John A. Nugent, O.S.A., succeeded Father Riordan.

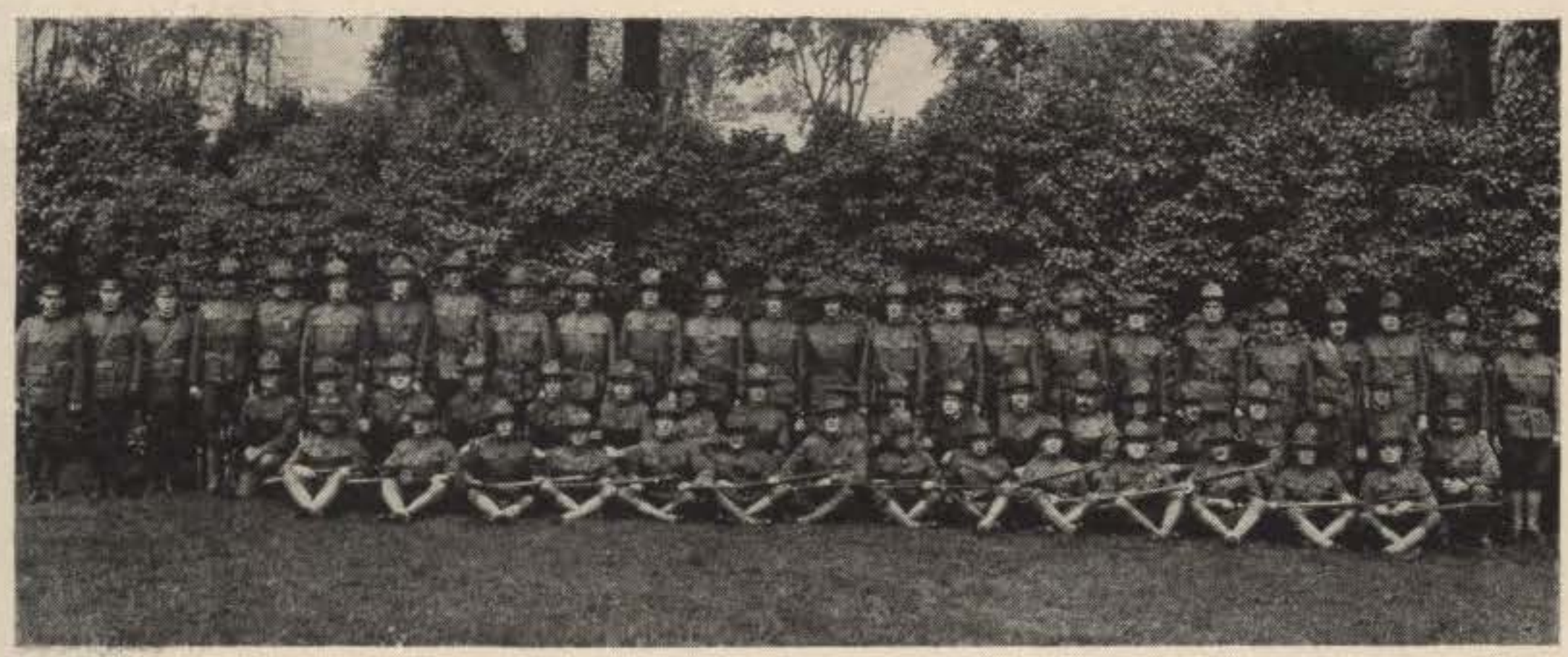
Mass meeting held to urge the need of more war nurses.

June quota of drafted men — 14.

JULY 1918

Two hundred boys began training at the Summer Training Camp at Phillips Academy.

Men between the ages of 18 and 50 registered under the "Work or Fight" law.



ANDOVER COMPANY H STATE GUARD

AUGUST 1918

Company H, State Guard, spent five days in camp at Framingham.

Fire destroyed the barn on the Maurice J. Curran place in Frye Village.

Hot baseball games, in which the Tyer Rubber Company team showed some high-class baseball, furnished much of the summer entertainment.

August quota of drafted men — 18.

SEPTEMBER 1918

The new Punchard School building was formally dedicated during the month.

Phillips and Abbot Academies opened with large attendance.

Red Cross made successful drive for clothing for Belgians.

Representative Gleason was nominated for Senator, in the Lawrence, Methuen and Andover District.

Influenza epidemic caused churches and public schools to close and all public gatherings to stop.

September quota of drafted men — 16.

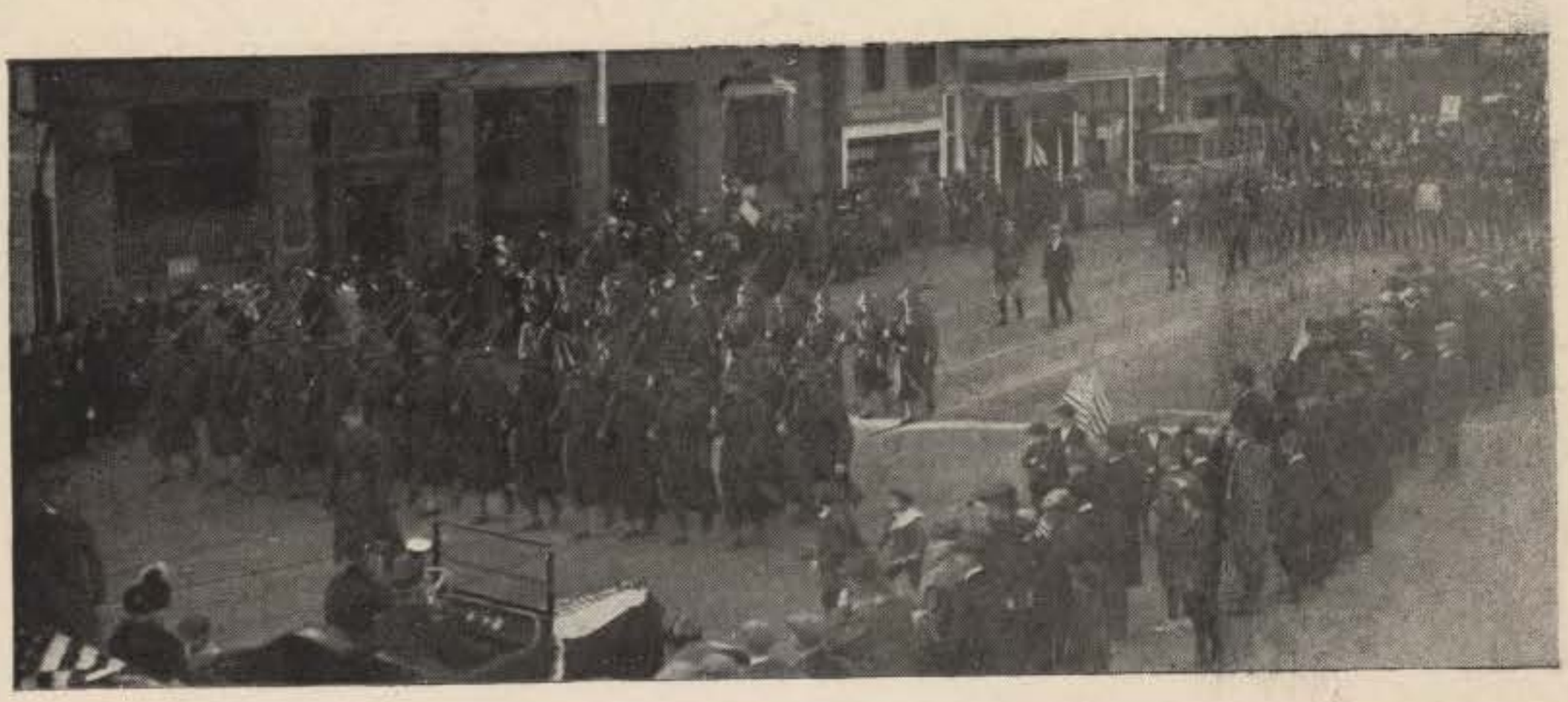
OCTOBER 1918

Big harvests reported by all.

Company H of State Guard go to Lawrence Base Hospital for ten days' guard duty.

Influenza conditions improved and allowed normal conditions to be resumed in churches, schools, and public places. Andover's total of cases numbered 1113, and 17 resulted fatally.

October quota of drafted men — 7.



PEACE CELEBRATION — HEAD OF PARADE

NOVEMBER 1918

November quota of drafted men — 70.

A memorial tablet in honor of those who had died in service was placed in Memorial Hall. Principal addresses were by Rev. F. A. Wilson, Rev. Fr. Nugent, and Principal Stearns.

Baptist Church service flag shows 19 stars.

The election resulted in the defeat of Representative Gleason for senator and election of James W. Robertson of North Andover, representative.

The War Drive campaign filled the Town Hall with another mass meeting, with Professor Forbes presiding and Rev. John T. Ullom of the Y.M.C.A., and William H. O'Brien of the K. of C., as speakers.

Peace Celebration

The big event of the month was the big event of the world, the Peace Celebration of November 11th. Andover probably had the first American torchlight parade, at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

The two days' program in brief was as follows:

MONDAY

Tin-horn parade	4.30 a.m.
Torchlight parade	5.00 a.m.
Tyer Rubber Company Employees parade	9.00 a.m.
Mass Meeting at Park	10.00 a.m.

Addresses by Hon John N. Cole, Rev. Fr. Nugent, Prof. C. H. Forbes; community singing led by Frederic G. Moore.

Meetings in all the churches	7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Grand Parade at 2.30 p.m., with following in line:—

PEACE CELEBRATION — MOTHERS IN LINE

Order of Parade

FIRST DIVISION

Platoon of Police, Chief Frank M. Smith
Members of Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett Post, 99, G.A.R., in autos
Chief Marshal, Major Edgar G. Holt, M.S.G.
John Cummings, G.A.R., and his grandson
Public Safety Committee, Hon. John N. Cole, Chairman
16th Regiment M.S.G. Brass Band
Capt. Pierson S. Page
Company H, Massachusetts State Guard
Phillips Academy Field Band
Lieut. R. E. Wyatt, Commander
Phillips Academy — School and Faculty
Sons of Veterans, W. L. Raymond Camp No. 111, Geo. W. Perkins, Commander

SECOND DIVISION

Mrs. James J. Feeney, *Marshal*
Mrs. Alice Harrington, *Asst. Marshal*
Andover Mothers' Club
Mothers, Wives and Daughters of Men in Service. (Four Gold Stars)
Abbot Academy Battalion, Katherine Coe, Marshal
Abbot Academy Faculty, Miss Bailey, Leader
Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. W. S. Valentine, President
Ladies' Auxiliary, S. of V., Mrs. P. M. Evans, Leader
Ladies' Benevolent Society of Free Church, Mrs. H. A. Ramsdell, Leader
Helping Hand Society of Free Church, Mrs. J. L. Paine, Leader
Courteous Circle of King's Daughters, Miss C. M. Hewes, Leader
November Club, Miss M. Carter, Leader
Tuesday Club
Andover Girl Scouts, Miss Ruth Mitchell, Leader

PEACE CELEBRATION — ABBOT ACADEMY STUDENTS

THIRD DIVISION

FRED G. CHENEY, *Marshal*

C. J. FRANCIS, *Asst. Marshal*

Haverhill Brass Band
Holy Name Society, St. Augustine's Church
Rev. Fr. Nugent, Rev. Fr. Shea, and Rev. Fr. McCormick
Andover Council, Knights of Columbus, Frank J. Mooney, Leader
Division 6, A.O.H., John Traynor, Leader
R. C. O. A., R. H. Lindsay, Leader
Andover Club, Capt. Charles W. Flanders, Leader
Christ Church Vestry, Rev. C. W. Henry
Clan Johnston, O.S.C., No. 185, S. R. Harris, Chief
Group of Colored Men and Women

FOURTH DIVISION

FRANK S. MCDONALD, *Marshal*

JOSEPH H. BLUNT, *Asst. Marshal*

Bay State Fife and Drum Corps
Andover Branch, American Red Cross
Miss Elizabeth Smith, Alfred Ripley, Leaders
Home Service Committee
Surgical Dressings Committee
Henry C. Sanborn, Superintendent of Schools
Public School Children
Punchard High School
Junior Red Cross Society
G. A. L. Club

FIFTH DIVISION

FRED COLLINS, *Asst. Marshal*

Lynn City Brass Band
Townsman Maypole with Seven Girls
War Fund Campaign Workers
Tyer Rubber Company, wearing Gas Masks
Smith & Dove Manufacturing Co.
Old Fire Department. Three mounted on horseback
Three Floats: Red Cross, Smith & Dove Co., and Tyer Rubber Co.
Kaiser on Gallows
Two Goats
Andover Fire Department
Combinations 1 and 2 Motor Trucks
Steamer
Hook and Ladder Truck
Hose 2

Major Edgar G. Holt was marshal and Captain Page chief of staff. The parade was reviewed at the park by the Public Safety Committee, and the day closed with community singing and fireworks.

Andover Money "Over the Top"

The story of Andover loyalty at home is told in many ways, but in no way more strikingly than by Andover's response to the different calls for needed money. For Liberty Bonds the amount raised aggregates over $3,000,000, divided among the loans as follows:

Issue	*Amount*	*Allotment*	*Amt. Purchased*	*Subscribers*
1st, 3½'s	$2,000,000,000	$400,000	$ 434,250	1931
2nd, 4's	3,000,000,000	673,000	1,249,950	3228
3rd, 4¼'s	3,000,000,000	434,000	594,100	2192
4th, 4¼'s	6,000,000,000	818,000	1,051,650	2901

In the First and Second Liberty Loans the figures given include the Andover and North Andover District; in the Third and Fourth Loans, Andover only.

In addition to this, Andover's portion of other drives was as follows:—

Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund	$14,376.52
United War Work Campaign	41,878.68
Public Safety Committee Expenses	4,281.00
K. of C. Campaign	1,200.00
Halifax Relief	1,413.00

In every case the above figures represent amounts over double the Andover allotments.

Died in Service

Private William Pert, British Army.	Killed in action	Sept. 25, 1916
Lance Corporal William Rae, British Army.	Killed in action	Sept. 26, 1916
Sergeant James Cavan, British Army.	Killed in action	April 19, 1918
Private David C. S. Craoll, British Army.	Killed in action	April 27, 1918
Private Patrick O'Neil, Canadian Army.	Killed in action	Aug. 27, 1918
Private Charles Young, U. S. Army.	Died of wounds	Aug. 18, 1918
Private Michael Joseph Daly, U. S. Army.	Died of wounds	Sept. 2, 1918
Capt. Phillips G. Morrison, U. S. Army.	Died of pneumonia	Oct. 12, 1918
Signalman Thos. W. Platt, Jr., U. S. Navy.	Died of pneumonia	Oct. 14, 1918
John J. Geagan		Nov. 1, 1918

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